Production of medicinal plants and herbs

†1135. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of medicinal plants and medicinal herbs in the country State-wise, especially in Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, North-Eastern States and in Uttaranchal during the current year; and

(b) the assistance provided during the last three years for promotion of farming of medicinal plants and herbs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No such information is collected by the National Medicinal Plant Board.

(b) Information regarding amount of assistance sanctioned under Contractual Farming Scheme of National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) during the last three years is given below:

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
2002-03	216.25
2003-04	841.10
2004-05	1808.74

Meningitis and Dengue cases in the Country

†1136. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of patients of meningitis and dengue are increasing steeply in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of vaccines for the above diseases;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Meningitis and Dengue are epidemic prone diseases, which show cyclic fluctuations in the rise/

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

fall in the number of cases. During the period from 2001 to 2005, the number of cases of dengue reported rose to the highest, *i.e.* 12754 in the year 2003, which declined to 4153 in the year 2004 and in the current year the States have reported 9463 cases of Dengue. The cases of Meningitis are generally seen throughout the year, however in the current year there was an increase in the cases of Meningococal meningitis during April to June.

(b) to (d) No shortage of the Meningitis vaccine has been reported in the country. There is no vaccine available for prevention of Dengue.

Trauma centres

1137. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have come up with trauma project to take care of highway accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) 'Health' being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is for the State Government to set up trauma centres to take care of highway accidents keeping in view their priorities and availability of resources.However, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides financial assistance to a maximum of Rs.1.50 crores for upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities in the Government Hospitals located on National Highways.

Anaemia in women and children

1138. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that according to the national family health survey-II, 51.8 per cent of women and 75 per cent of children are suffering from iron deficiency anaemia; and

(b) if so, the corrective steps taken by Government keeping in view the seriousness of the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) According to National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-II of 1998, 51.8% of ever married